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REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. A.I. SIMONOV
OF HYDROMET: "DEAR DR. SIMONOV: IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR
PROTOCOL OF APRIL 12, 1975, OUR MESSAGES ON THE JOINT
RESEARCH CRUISE AND YOUR RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DR. BROWN,
I AM PLEASED TO FORWARD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND
REQUESTS:

1. WE ARE ARRANGING TO RECEIVE THE RESEARCH VESSEL "MOSCOW
UNIVERSITY" AT NARRAGANSETT ON JULY 25. THIS WILL FACILI-
TATE PUTTING OUR SCIENTISTS AND EQUIPMENT ON BOARD AND GIVE
MORE OF YOUR PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT MY LABORATORY.
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SUBSEQUENT TO YOUR CONVERSATION WITH DR. BROWN, WE HAVE
DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO TERMINATE
THE CRUISE AT THE PORT OF TAMPA, FLORIDA. THIS WOULD MAKE
IT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR SCIENTISTS TO VISIT THE FACILITIES OF

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ELIMINATE ONE DAY OF UNNECESSARY STEAMING TO REACH NORTHERN FLORIDA. OF COURSE WE COULD ARRANGE FOR A FEW OF THE SCIENTISTS TO VISIT GULF BREEZE IF THEY WISH.

2. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET THE SOVIET SCIENTISTS FLYING IN TO NEW YORK AND TRANSPORT THEM TO THE VESSEL. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW THE ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR EACH OF THEM IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS ARRANGEMENT.

3. DURING THE VESSEL'S CALL AT WOODS HOLE PRIOR TO THE NEW YORK CALL, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR MY ASSISTANT MICHAEL J. WADE (WHOM YOU HAVE MET) AND A TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO BOARD THE VESSEL AND DISCUSS EQUIPMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND INTERFACES WITH THE VESSEL SYSTEMS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO WHICH WE NEED THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ANSWERS:

A. WHAT VOLTAGES ARE AVAILABLE, AND IN WHAT TYPE OF CURRENT?

B. ARE THE LABORATORY AREAS REGULATED FOR TEMPERATURE? AT WHAT LEVEL?

C. IS REFRIGERATION AND FREEZING SPACE AVAILABLE? WHAT VOLUME?

D. IS HYDROWIRE INSTALLED AND WATER SAMPLING DEVICES SUCH AS NISKIN BOTTLES AVAILABLE?

E. WILL CARBON-14 INCUBATIONS BE DONE IN SITU OR ON BOARD?

IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER WE CAN PROVIDE AN OXIMETER CAPABLE OF DOING THE DEEP SEA WORK INVOLVED. WE HAVE TRANSPORTABLE OXIMETERS AVAILABLE, BUT THEY CAN WORK ONLY AT RELATIVELY SHALLOW DEPTHS AND ARE OF QUESTIONABLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCURACY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO ARRANGE SOMETHING, BUT ARE NOT SURE AT THIS TIME.

4. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 2.4 OF THE PROTOCOL OF APRIL 12, WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING ON SENDING TWO OR THREE U.S. SCIENTISTS TO THE USSR IN LATE AUGUST 1975 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING BOTH ASPECTS-OILS AND METALS-OF THE INTERCALIBRATION PROGRAM. WE PROPOSE TO DO THIS BECAUSE IT IS THE WISH OF THE SCIENTISTS WHO ARE DIRECTING THE INTERCALIBRATION PROGRAM FOR THE U.S. THEY ARE DR. JOHN FARRINGTON, WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION, WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS; AND DR. JOHN EDMONDS, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS. DR.

FARRINGTON IS AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF OIL POLLUTION AND
DR. EDMONDS IS AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF HEAVY METALS.

THESE TWO MEN CONSTITUTE PERHAPS THE BEST ANALYTICAL
CHEMISTS IN THE UNITED STATES IN THEIR FIELDS. THEY HAVE
EXPRESSED THE WISH TO VISIT THE USSR AND TALK WITH SOVIET
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS CONCERNING THE ACTUAL PROCEDURES
USED IN OIL AND HEAVY METAL ANALYSES BY THE SOVIET
SCIENTISTS. IN LINE WITH THIS, THE TWO U.S. SCIENTISTS
CONSIDER ON SITE LABORATORY VISITS AN IMPORTANT PART OF
THEIR VISIT.

5. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 3.4 OF THE APRIL 12 PROTOCOL,
THE U.S. SCIENTISTS WHO WILL COMPILE THE REPORTS ON
CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL MONITORING ARE DR. T.W. DUKE FOR
BIOLOGICAL AND DR. K.K. TUREKIAN FOR CHEMICAL.

6. PLEASE INFORM ME WHO WILL BE THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS
WORKING WITH THE PROGRAMS DISCUSSED IN POINTS 4 AND 5.

7. LOOKING FORWARD TO UNDERTAKING THIS IMPORTANT ELEMENT
OF OUR PROGRAM. ALL BEST WISHES TO YOU AND OUR SOVIET
COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS. SINCERELY YOURS, ERIC D.
SCHNEIDER." KISSINGER

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